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ceive the pledge given on my part, with favor and indulgence. Further than this, an honest ambition cannot entertain a wish.

I am not on my charge, with unforgotten guidance. A knowledge of its responsibility, and of the unusual arduousness of its duties, are sufficient to convince me, that after I shall have exerted my best energies to accomplish the object set before me, I shall still have much to owe to the indulgence of the public.

A rapid development of resources, of which the importance and extent, were, at last, neither appreciated nor understood, has hurried us forward to a period when the measures of the government must necessarily take a wider range, than those of ordinary legislation.

Our mountains and waste lands, which seemed to be doomed to everlasting barrenness, are found to contain inexhaustible wealth; and to constitute, if not the fairest, certainly the richest part of our territory.

To the east and to the north, anthracite and iron; to the west and to the south, iron, coal and salt, in their various uses and applications to manufactures and the arts, offer to industry and enterprise, the rich results of profitable labour, and an advantageous investment of capital.

The benefits that flow directly from these sources, as well as from the increased extent and activity of internal commerce, are already in a state of incipient enjoyment; and the experience of the past, irresistibly leads to the anticipation of an almost boundless prosperity, with which it has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe, in an especial manner to bless the people of this commonwealth.

It will be the business of the government to promote these important interests by improving the means of transportation, and opening a market to the remotest part of the State.

Fellow Citizens, we have abundant cause of congratulation and gratitude for the many blessings we enjoy, both as an integral part of the nation, and as a distinct community. Our country reposes in the lap of plenty and of peace. Disease, which has heretofore afflicted our land, has almost vanished, and has given place to the almost universal health.

Credit is re-established, the embarrassments consequent to an inordinate extension and sudden retrenchment of the currency removed, and a period at length put to the distressing sacrifice of property and individual suffering, which these causes had produced; economy in public and private expenditure is generally practiced, and the body politic, by the bounty of Heaven, restored to its pristine health.

effect with which the performances generally of that evening were distinguished.

We congratulate the society on these proofs of their rapid progress towards proficiency—their numbers will increase, we have no doubt in the same ratio. It will not be amiss to remind the public, that the gentleman, Mr. E. R. HARRISON, who takes the lead in the instrumental part of the Society, gives a public Concert next week.

Mr. De CONIX and Mr. KROENKAMP are to assist at it. We trust every encouragement will be given by the friends of the Society to enable Mr. H. to accomplish his present highly deserving purposes.

It was our intention, last week, to make a few, very few observations on "the dangers of the sea;" we were unconsciously led into a column—a homily—and yet felt that the subject was far from being exhausted; indeed so important to every person, is a proper choice of a profession, that one can scarcely approach the subject with the common feelings of a Philanthropist, without a desire to offer advice, so many are there continually before our eyes in the city who have made shipwreck of the best materials for greatness—for happiness to themselves, and blessings to those with whom they are connected—and what is perhaps equally melancholy, we see their course chosen by the highest genius, and those of the purest prospects—the all-gulphing vortex of unsteadiness, the parent of vice and intemperance, is covering hourly before us, those upon whom health, fortune and genius smile—up to whom childhood lifts its eyes in the pride of emulation, and down upon whom, age looks with a consciousness that no void will be made with their own departure—we see all this, and yet mark no cessation in the current; it sweeps on in its course towards the broad ocean of destruction. We are not so contracted in our conceptions of the causes of demoralization as to suppose that it is to be invariably traced to one single error the same in every unhappy object—we know by observation that vice is approached by a thousand avenues; it invites with every appetite, and lures with every gratification—but there are certain errors of head and heart, that seem to operate with a greater fatality and more extensive effect. Parents too often suppose that their task is accomplished when they have expended certain sums of money upon the education of their children and placed them in a way to acquire a profession. This is undoubtedly a part of their duty, but only a part—and it is so limited that unless accompanied with constant watchfulness, and followed with solicitude and attention, it is likely to prove worse than a prodigality of wealth, as it will only afford new opportunities for error, and create other likelihoods of mistakes caused and unhappy results.

It is in a proper choice of a profession that lies, in a great measure, the secret of a young man's success. "Childhood and youth" have been by the wise preacher of Israel, pronounced "vanity," and that vanity is scarcely ever more conspicuous than when the means of obtaining a living are about being devised. Some professions that strike the minds of children, as peculiarly eligible, are found by experience to lack those attractions which they were at first supposed to possess—others are sought with avidity from the associations to which they lead; yet those connections which appear to the eye of youth so peculiarly desirable, rarely contribute to the ends for which professions and occupations are sought. Parents too, assist in no small degree to this important error of their children, by constantly directing their attention, from infancy, to some profession or occupation which has struck them as being peculiarly calculated to give important advantages to their child, and this is pursued without any reference to the faculties of their offspring, or any regard to his chance of attaining that degree of eminence which is essential to the fulfillment of their high raised expectation. Mechanical trades have been executed by some people, as if there was something abhorrent in their nature at the very thought—such persons can have little knowledge of the signs of the present time—it is known in addition to the intrinsic character of a tradesman, public opinion in justice to their own merits, have given them a rank in this city equal at least to persons of any calling; this is as it should be—men do now, and should ever hold that rank to which they are entitled, without reference to fact whether they make or buy the articles by which they live. This is for the consideration of parents—but children owe it to themselves to think of the best means of making themselves useful and respectable—this can only be attained by a steady perseverance in the business upon which they enter—they must not suffer every leisure hour to be spent in idle frivolous amusements, in aping the follies of the elders, in haunting associations for sporting, or conversing at the doors of the theatre—they must not be "smitten with the love of song," or carried away with the rant of every vagabond who can mouth a passage of Shakespeare. In their choice of a profession they should be governed by the extent of their education, capacities of mind and body to attain its perfection, and the chance of that profession continuing to afford a good support—let this be done with caution and good advice, and once chosen, habit will make it pleasant during apprenticeship, and industry will make it profitable in manhood, and thus it cannot fail of being respectable.

There is no class of beings who are more deserving of more in need of the fostering hand of the prosperous, than the poor WIDOW and the ORPHAN—at this inclement and threatening period of the season, we are forcibly reminded of their wants and are called on in the strong language of necessity to give up only a small portion of the superfluous comforts we enjoy, to shelter the children of sorrow and wretchedness from the calamities which would otherwise overtake them. Shall this call be in vain? Forbid it justice, forbid it CHARITY. While large donations and active exertions are freely given to the cause of the Greeks; and others whose pecuniary calls are

not more deserving the bounty of the benevolent, shall we pass over the multiplied objects of distress which are to be found in our own immediate neighborhood? We are persuaded that our citizens will be reminded of the old proverb, that "those given to the poor lendeth to the Lord." We do not wish to dampen the patriotic feeling that pervades most classes of our citizens for the fate and sufferings of a nation struggling for the participation of that freedom which we enjoy; yet neither would we have them forget those whose forlorn situation it is the peculiar duty of the affluent to relieve. The 26th annual Report of the "Female Association for Women and Children in reduced circumstances," has the following appeal to the feelings of the benevolent.

"The period has again arrived, when the Directors of the 'Female Association,' are required to submit to their Patrons, their Annual Report. This has been done so often, and the business of each succeeding year is so similar in the past, that little can be said in general terms, or to excite a renewed interest. Your petitioners are generally among the class of poor females, who are disabled by age or infirmity, from maintaining themselves; or whose husbands are insufficient to provide clothing and fuel for their families. These being frequently visited by the Managers, and such further aid as their own industry cannot supply, are enabled to pass the winter in comparative comfort. The Managers report would introduce you to many scenes of lowly wretchedness, but, as the principle upon which the Association has been established, is to relieve, without occasioning the painful feelings incident to dependence upon public charity, the Directors think it better not to mention particulars which might wound the individuals whose case has excited their peculiar commiseration of year sympathy would, however, be soothed by the reflection, that these sufferers were sought for by your Agents, who encouraged the continuance of their exertions, and faithfully administered to their wants. In a few instances, relief has been so effectual, that further aid was not only unnecessary, but offers to promote the interests of the Society, were mingled with the most grateful acknowledgments for benefits received. They will therefore only say, that there are more than one hundred persons under their care, among whom will be found, many whose early lives have been passed in comfort, and even affluence—Some who are fast sinking into the grave, under the pressure of age or incurable disease—of whom only one year's bounty, for the common necessities of life. The diminution of the number of annual subscribers, continues a subject of great regret. There are, it is true, many calls upon the liberality of the public, but, as the Directors believe, from the personal and constant superintendence of the Association, and the judicious mode placed in their hands, such aid is not likely to be 'wary in well doing,' but enable them to continue their assistance to those who now look to you for relief. Your petitioners deeply deplore the deficiency arising from this cause, has been in a great measure, supplied during the past year by the generosity of a few benevolent individuals; and the grateful thanks of the Society are due to the Rev. Mr. Allen, for a donation of \$100, and to the Rev. Mr. Barry, of Lebanon, from whom, through his friend Dr. Parker, a similar sum has been received."

"Blessed is he that considers the poor, the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

A. R. POOLE, 66 Chestnut street, among numerous elegant editions in his extensive and fanciful bookstore, has just added that of "The Souvenir, or Pictorial Diary for 1827." This beautiful book is undoubtedly deserving of all the encouragement it has already met with. We recommend that this, or CARLYLE & LEE's splendid work of the same character, should form a part of every Keepsake, to be presented on the renewal of another year.

EPITOME OF NEWS.

Congress has already been called to the subject of constructing a Breakwater and an artificial harbor at or near the capes of the Delaware. Mr. Watts presented to the house of representatives, on Tuesday, a memorial of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce on the subject.

Mr. Harum passed through this city on Wednesday, having made an actual survey of the road from New York to this city in less than four days.

It is said the New York and Schuylkill Coal Company propose to enlarge their operations at the Pennsylvania mines, to a very considerable extent.

Captain Partridge's corps of Cadets on Tuesday, were introduced to the venerable Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The interview was interesting. They proceeded to Washington on the 13th.

From the 8th to the 14th of December, 13 boats left Mount Vernon, their load being 228 tons of coal, 45 tons of flaxseed and wheat, 45 tons of bark, and 25 tons of sundries.

Shipments of Coal from Mauch Chunk to Philadelphia per last report, 322 boats carrying 29,237 tons. Since the last report up to the 10th inst. 23 boats, 1346 tons. Total 515 boats—31,583 tons.

The second dam and lock on the Conestoga have been finished, completing a navigation for either steam or tow boats for a distance of five miles.

The two 74s being built in Charlestown, Mass. are named the one New Hampshire, the other Virginia.

The Rev. Francis Wayland, late of Boston, has been unanimously elected President of Brown University, in Providence, R. I.

Robt Hall, charged with the robbery of John Baker, at the house of Reuben Bink in Paris, Kentucky, has been convicted of the charge, and sentenced to the Penitentiary of the State, for the term of two years.

Benjamin Davis, of Lancaster county, Virginia, for the murder of his infant child.

In Virginia public improvement was preceded by the gradual accumulation of a fund for the purpose, which now amounts to \$1,043,439 dollars, notwithstanding expenditures from it, for bettering the navigation of rivers and for roads to the interior.

last week, at 22 1/2's, and New York, put... to his sentence. His body was given to the surgeons for anatomical dissection.

A dish of an extraordinary size, was raised, a few miles east of Boston, in this state, in the garden of Mr. Eddy, which measured three feet two inches in length, and three feet in circumference, weighing 27 pounds and a quarter.

The Falmonth (James's) Gazette of the 22d ult. states that the rain had been very general throughout the island, and in some parishes been productive of considerable damage to the canes and provisions.

In Great Britain, on an average of ten years, westerly winds exceed the easterly in the proportion of 225 to 140 days.

A few thousand pounds worth of gold and silver are said to be annually employed in Birmingham in gilding and plating, and of course for a vast loss of bullion.

In the neighbourhood of Rio Janeiro, the common garden-peas have been sown, flowered, gathered, and the husks removed, within the short space of twenty-one days.

The Legislature of Ohio, at their last session passed a law, taxing Lawyers and Physicians in a sum not less than a dollar, nor more than fifty dollars per head, as the Court of Common Pleas, in each county, their own discretion, might levy.

It is stated that in Guadalupe a change has taken place in the value of pistarenes. Fifteen or four of them were equivalent to the dollar, but by a law recently passed, four pistarenes and a half are made equal to that sum.

A Panther, measuring seven feet and a half from the nose to the tip of the tail, was killed lately on the plains near the village of Buffalo, N. Y. It was one of two, which it is supposed had found their way from the southern wilds a ruse the country.

The Boston Statesman says, there have been already printed and sold, of the "Farmer's Almanac," by R. B. Thomas, Esq. published by Messrs. Richardson & Lord, for the next year, upwards of 100,000 copies.

The warrant has been issued for the execution of James Quinn, who was sentenced at the last court in Lebanon county, Pa. The execution will take place on Friday the 9th day of February, between the hours of ten and two o'clock.

Colonel Taylor has been elected Governor of South Carolina; he received 113 votes, and General Carr 49. J. H. Witherspoon is chosen Lieutenant Governor.

The General Assembly of Kentucky convened at Frankfort on the 4th instant. George Robertson was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives. The annual Message of Governor Desha is extremely copious.

The Richmond Enquirer issues the publication that Mr. Randolph will be re-elected to the senate.

The first boat on the Union Canal arrived at Reading on Tuesday last, from Myerstown, Lebanon county.

Dr. Conant, of Hartford, Conn. has found out a chemical process by which to render leather, cloth and divers other things, impervious to water.

A letter from Tampico, states that Captain Anderson, of the brig Sea Nymph, on his passage out, was overboard on the 8th of October, by the mainmast, and was saved by his brother-in-law, Mr. Troup, a passenger, who unfortunately was lost in performing the humane act. Mr. Troup was let down in the stern boat, and succeeded in fastening the rope around Captain Anderson, when he was nearly exhausted. At this moment the tow line of the boat parted, and Mr. Troup was overwhelmed in the waves and perished a few minutes after rescuing his friend.

Capt. Partridge's corps of Cadets, now in Washington city, were, on the 19th inst. presented to the President of the United States, who gave them a very cordial and flattering reception. After having received and saluted the President, in line, they were invited into the house, and introduced to him separately, by Capt. P.

There has escaped from the Pennsylvania Hospital, an insane man, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, sandy complexion, light hazel eyes, usually erect, rather slowly, and carries one hand in his waistcoat, frequently asks for tobacco; if his name is required of him, he will give it distinctly, adding "of Virginia."

Signorina M. Garcia has most generously offered her valuable assistance at the concert of sacred music to be given in Grace church, New York, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum Society.

Mr. Maclellan's exhibition of the Automaton Chess Player will commence on Tuesday next. Some time has elapsed in preparing a room suitable for the exhibition, and Mr. Maclellan has finally succeeded. He has chosen the ball room in Fifth street below Walnut street, which he has fitted up at considerable expense, in a handsome and commodious manner.

A labouring man named Otho, between 45 and 50 years of age, was killed at South Weymouth, Massachusetts, on the 23d ultimo, by the fall of a log. A message that he slipped down, and the log falling on his head, crushed his brain, and he died, and died immediately. He was the father of 17 children, 16 of whom are now living.

The Rev. ABNER KNEELAND, will preach at the Universalist Church in Lombard street, to-morrow morning, half past ten o'clock, and at the Church in Calowhill street, in the evening at half past six.

THE DEATH.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, 20th Dec. 1826. The death of an extraordinary man, was raised, a few miles east of Boston, in this state, in the garden of Mr. Eddy, which measured three feet two inches in length, and three feet in circumference, weighing 27 pounds and a quarter.

We are induced to advise on a matter of great policy in Mr. Warren, to adopt a measure which we are sure suggested in one of the daily papers, for the purpose of securing the success of the plays intended to be performed. We are certain it would conduce as much to his interest, as it would to the convenience of the frequenters of the Theatre. We are not aware that there is any difficulty in his so doing.

New-York.—Mercury is playing at the Park Theatre, to-night, "not over and above there." Mrs. Knight is also performing there. Mr. Barry, from the Brighton Theatre, made his first appearance on the "Mercury," and has since mounted "Falconbridge" to Mercury's "King John." The National Advocate says, his debut was the most successful one that has been made in the city for some time.

A new Opera, called "The Moon of Granada," was produced at Drury Lane Theatre, on the 21st of October, and was well received; it was announced for repetition until general applause, although one of the London papers says, "as a literary composition, it is not more than half a success."

A new Farce called "Returned Kilted," is to be, by Mr. Planche, was performed with success the same evening at Covent Garden Theatre.

We perceive that Miss Kelly, (sister to the lady who was performed at the Drury Lane Theatre in October) is still attached to the Covent Garden Theatre; from which we should infer that the story of her marriage to Lord Lovel was not true.

A statue is to be erected to Talma, of which the execution is confided to M. David, who, it is said, had been very happy in the sculpture of the mausoleum of Faneion, in the cathedral of Cambrai.

The apothecary of Talma was celebrated at the theatre of Mts. All the actors in mourning walked before a funeral urn placed on a pedestal and carried by the chief performers. This was followed by the actresses in simple white robes, with black veils around the head. The urn having been placed in front of the stage, some stanzas were sung, and a piece of verses called Talma in the Elysian fields was declaimed—a sudden shifting of the scene presented Talma's bust enriched with flowers, and surrounded with clouds. All the performers approached two by two, and laid palms at the feet of this image of the great tragedian.

MARRIED.

On Thursday evening, the 14th inst. by the Rev. Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, to Miss SARAH ANN, daughter of the late Captain William Gardner, all of this city.

On the 14th inst. in Covington, Louisa County, Pa. by Richard Driver, Esq. Mr. WILLIAM CORPUS, formerly of Philadelphia county, to Miss SOPHIA RICE, of the former place.

On the 14th inst. by the Rev. John P. Perkins, Mr. LEONARD WOODWARD in Miss ELIZABETH, eldest daughter of Wm. Young, all of Covington, Delaware county.

On the 14th inst. at Friend's Meeting House, Berry, RICHARD THOMAS, to the amiable MARIA SPENCER, daughter of Nathl's Spence, all of Lower Dublin Township.

On the 14th inst. by the Rev. George Y. Moorehouse, Mr. EDWARD T. DOBBS, to Miss MAITHEA M. daughter of Gen. Samuel J. Read, all of Monthville.

On the 14th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Kitts, Mr. DAVID T. FORTWART, to Miss SUSAN GARR, all of Philadelphia.

On Friday, the 7th inst. at Friends' Meeting, at Frankford, SAMUEL H. GILLINGHAM, to LUCY L. daughter of the late George Eddy, both of Hadenbury.

On Thursday evening, the 14th inst. by the Rev. Dr. SARGENT, Mr. WILLIAM LAMBERT, of this city, to HARRIET VANSCIVER, of Burlington county, N. J.

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Evening Post.

PHILADELPHIA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1826.

TO READERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

"A Village Sketch, or the Three Debates," ORABIAN SHAWBACE, and an essay from BACHMAN, are among the prose articles last received.

"Lines on viewing the falls of Niagara," CORA—"I'll grave thy name on memory's scroll," IS—The rose of health overpread her face," and a Fragment, MORTUO—"There is a land from earth afar," and Lines addressed to Greece, SYLVIA—Extract from a late Epistle to Verity," ELEGANT—"My heart is pressed," MARY & C. ALEXANDER—"On a Suicide," FRANKLIN, juv.—and Lines from "ORLANDO," &c. have been added to our file.

Enigmas by SATAN—Enigmas, Charles, &c. by HAZEL—several others, have all come to hand.

We feel particularly obliged to our friend "PRIVADO," for his numerous favours. The gentleman who has adopted the signature of "GIRAZ," assuming on the silence of our correspondent of that name, need not give himself any further trouble—we shall be content to leave the articles he has in his hands remain there in peace, unless they are better than the one he has sent us—he must alter his name, however, (as that is claimed by a worthy contributor) and his style too, if he wishes his effusions to appear in the columns of the Post.

"WAS IN DEATH?" a highly finished and beautiful essay has been handed us with a view to compete for one of the Premiums offered for the best articles particularly adapted to the columns of the CASKET, to be handed in previous to the first of March—the notice of which will be found on our fourth page.

We have received the welcome note of our esteemed friend, H. at Mifflinsborough, Tenn. The public interest which we have repeatedly manifested towards us and our concerns, deserves, and has our warm and heartfelt thanks.

Mr. De CONIX politely assisted with his talents at the Piano, at the third Concert of the St. Cecilia Society, given at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening. A numerous and select company of fashion and beauty, had early assembled to enjoy this interesting display of Musical skill and science. At no former Concert of this popular society, at which we have been present, do we recollect of witnessing more general satisfaction on the part of the audience than was attested for the very creditable, and even masterly

